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Enclosed are also:

- X 12 Pages of Specification including an Abstract  
X 6 Pages of Claims ( Claims 1 - 36 )  
X 4 Sheet(s) of Drawings  
X A Declaration and Power of Attorney  
X Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation

## CLAIMS AS FILED

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